

Application No.: 09/678570

Case No.: 55409US002

Remarks

Examiner Yao contacted the undersigned by telephone on September 16, 2003 and notified the undersigned that pending claim 17 was in condition for allowance. Examiner Yao requested that pending claim 1 to 16 be cancelled in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

With this Amendment, claims 1 to 16 have been canceled. New dependent claims 18 to 27 have been added. Support for new claims 18 to 27 can be found as follows:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Originally Filed Claim</u>
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With entry of this Amendment, claims 17 to 27 are pending.

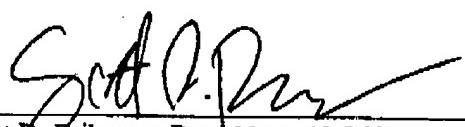
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 17 to 27 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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